



**Sustainable Arlington  
An Environment Committee of Envision Arlington**

Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2020  
Time: 7:30 – 9:00 PM  
Location: Remote participation via Zoom

In attendance: Amos Meeks, Brucie Moulton, Tom Ehbrect, Susan Brau, Lenard Diggins, Kenneth Garden, Kelly Lynema, Scott Samenfeld, Dave Rogers, Gail McCormick, Roger Rosen, Sarah Hill, Sarah McDonnell

## **Minutes**

### **1. Introductions**

### **2. Update from Planning Department**

- Connect Arlington, sustainable transportation plan, fact book (existing conditions of transportation in Town) and community engagement summary are available to view. Link: <https://www.arlingtonma.gov/town-governance/boards-and-committees/sustainable-transportation-advisory-committee>
- Future engagement in November (survey) and December (open house).
- About to embark on an open space plan. Currently have an RFP out for consultants, due by October 29. Existing plan: <https://www.arlingtonma.gov/home/showdocument?id=44511>
- Watch for an announcement next week for the net zero plan, doing a virtual open house.

### **3. Approve August and September minutes**

August minutes available here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b99Tq76Hsuthj8oeX3jkFVOQYqRLOQT4/view?usp=sharing>

Unanimously approved

September minutes available here:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dnthkQPRb8D7ZYIxiTobczFd\\_GJXFFIH/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dnthkQPRb8D7ZYIxiTobczFd_GJXFFIH/view?usp=sharing)

Minor modification and unanimously approved

### **4. Update about local multi-town pollinator pathways project and new statewide pollinator program**

- NOFA Mass is merging with Western Mass Bees to create a statewide program focusing on pollinators.
- Brucie will be a representative for the Mystic/Charles group to this statewide group.

- Starting to map pollinator gardens across a number of communities. Get in touch with Brucie if you want to participate: [moultonsb1@gmail.com](mailto:moultonsb1@gmail.com)

## **5. Clean Heat for Arlington Update**

- We need people in precincts 6, 10, 14, 17, 18, or 20 who would be willing to reach out to their Town Meeting Members! Do you know anyone?
- Doing an info/FAQ session on Nov. 12th, 7pm.

## **6. Annual Town Survey: Do we want to have a section? What should we ask about? Who will analyze and write up the findings?**

- Ken and Tom will help with question writing.

## **7. Open time for discussion of new ideas**

- Green Cambridge did a garbage collection. Maybe a nice activity that we can organize?
- Does anyone work on fish migration? Alewife brook seems very murky. Yes, the Mystic River Watershed Association does an annual herring count with citizen science participation. They also do outdoor cleanup projects.
- Tom will start climate coffees over Zoom after the election.
- We can think ahead to what we can do to help implement the CEFC plan next year

## **8. New business**

## **9. Announcements**

- “Gas Stoves: Health Effects, Pollution & Healthier Alternatives,” Tues., Oct. 27, 7-8:30 pm, <https://arlington.ce.eleyo.com/course/100/fall-2020/gas-stoves-health-effects-pollution-healthier-alternatives>
- Natural gas pollution in your home resources:
  - a. Gas Stoves: Health and Air Quality Impacts and Solutions, <https://rmi.org/insight/gas-stoves-pollution-health/>
  - b. Effects of Residential Gas Appliances on Indoor and Outdoor Air Quality and Public Health in California, <https://coeh.ph.ucla.edu/effects-residential-gas-appliances-indoor-and-outdoor-air-quality-and-public-health-california>
- Participate in citizen science to support pollinators. Check out The Beecology Project
- Find webinars, other online events at <http://www.sustainablearlington.org/>

## **10. Adjourn**